

LULL SETTLES OVER PAVING CAMPAIGN

Petitions Prepared Have not Been Circulated—No Opposition Apparent, But no one Appears to Circulate Petitions.

Apparently a lull has settled over the campaign for paving Ontario's streets. Nothing new has transpired in past week, the both petitions to property owners by renters offering to increase rents, and that of property owners to Council have been prepared.

The fact that no forward action took place this week does not signify that interest has abated, for it has not. Paving is still the most prominent topic of conversation.

The element that is lacking, apparently, is leadership. No one has appeared to have sufficient interest to get behind the petitions to secure signers and thus bring the question directly before the Council.

Everyday marks additional approval of the plan, even to extend the original plans. It is understood that the Boise-Payette company and the owners of property on the East side of Oregon street from Colorado to Wyoming avenues are ready to sign petitions for paving.

Estimate Cost.

According to an estimate, given the Argus the cost of a bitulithic pavement, including the intersections, would cost about \$275 per lot, on Oregon street. This would be the price for such paving on a good gravel base. If the cost of paving the intersection was not charged directly against the property, of course the cost per lot would be reduced. Such differences of course could be settled by the Council after the petition was before it for action. In the resolution declaring its intention to create a paving district and declaring the portion of cost which the city as a whole would assume.

In the meantime the paving campaign, like the allied plan of battling in 1916 needs a leader.

BEEMEN STARTING TO PREPARE FOR SEASON

W. H. Pennington Disposes of Big Holdings—Jay Dibble Buys Local Bees and Place Near Welser.

While they do not expect to sell their honey harvest at war prices this fall, yet the bee men of the Snake river valley are looking forward to a big year. Not in many winters have the bees done so well as this. There was practically no loss in this section, and since large additions were made in the bee colonies of this territory last year a record breaking crop is expected.

Pennington Sells

The high prices of honey during the past two years has increased the interest in bee keeping and many deals for stocks have been made. The largest deal so far reported is that by which Stark & Miller of Middleton, Idaho and A. E. McKibbin, formerly of the Boulevard secured W. H. Pennington's ranch, bees, extractors, supplies truck, etc., at a figure said to be in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Beside the ten acre ranch there were 1000 colonies of bees and a finely equipped plant transferred in the deal.

Jay Dibble who beside caring for his own bees had charge of the apiary on the B. B. Wood ranch, is branching out on larger scale. He bought Mr. Wood's bees, and also a small ranch and with it 400 colonies of bees, on the Oregon side of the river near Welser. He will have from 700 to 800 colonies this year.

Local bee men do not expect war prices to be maintained this fall but are not looking for a return to pre-war prices because during the war millions of Americans became educated to the possibilities of honey. And during that time too American honey for the first time was shipped in quantities to Europe where a big market was secured. This, in a degree, they believe will be held by the American producers for several years at least.

FRUITLAND BOY HOME: SAW WILMER BOYER "OVER THERE"

S. C. Royston whose home is on Pennsylvania avenue, two miles South of Fruitland arrived home from France last Saturday and was an Ontario visitor with Andy Manneman on Tuesday of this week. Pte. Royston who was with the hospital corp in the South of France told of having met a number of Oregon and Idaho boys "over there." Among those he met shortly before starting for the U. S. A. was Wilmer Boyer, who at the time he saw him was acting as official interpreter for an officer who had charge of a great gang of German prisoners of war engaged in erecting fences and parking of a cemetery in which thousands of American heroes of the war are buried. Mr. Royston declared that Sergeant Boyer was in good health, and as happy as ever.

THREE TONS OF OLD CLOTHES NEEDED NOW

Members of Womens' Club Undertakes Task of Gathering Together Ontario Red Cross Chapter's Share—Get Your Bundle Ready.

To clothe the bodies of millions of refugees in the lands lately devastated by war the American Red Cross will between March 24 and 29 collect ten thousand tons of old clothes. During that week from Dead Ox Flat on the North to Big Bend in the South the territory covered by the Red Cross Chapter, three tons must be secured.

In Ontario the drive will be made by the Women's Club members under the direction of Mrs. S. D. Dorman, who already has her workers started. They feel that they have a gigantic task, for Ontario has so generously given in the two previous collections of old clothing. But Ontario has not yet "fallen down" on its Red Cross quotas and if given support the women will again make good.

Get Bundles Ready.

It would be greatly appreciated by the women if the bundles could be secured on Monday, or as early in the week as possible, so that the sorting and packing will not be forced at the end of the week.

When you get your bundle ready, if you cannot take it to the City Hall, phone Mrs. S. D. Dorman—149-J, and a car will be sent for it. Also, so far as possible have the clothing clean, that will save washing. Also remember that clothing of all kinds for people of all ages and both sex are wanted.

Remember that on your responses is dependent whether or not some man, woman or child will be comfortably clothed or will suffer. Do your part.

FORMER MERCHANT IS HERE TO PUT ON SALE

M. E. Newton Placed in Charge of Allen Shoe Company's Sale—Notes Change During Absence of Year.

M. E. Newton, formerly of Ontario who established the shoe business which he sold to the Allen Shoe company something more than a year ago, is in Ontario at present to take charge of the big shoe sale announcement of which is given on page seven of this issue.

Mr. Newton declares that Ontario has changed since he left here and that the prosperity of the country is evident.

The W. C. T. U. held a social gathering Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Patterson as hostess at her home on the Eastside. The topic for the afternoon was "The Reconstruction Hospitals." The national headquarters for the W. C. T. U. has appointed "hospital mothers" for all the reconstruction hospitals and it was with their work that the topic dealt. Towards the close of the afternoon a bountiful luncheon was served by the hostess and the guests left feeling that the afternoon had been well spent. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Grams.

DO CLOCKS TURN BACK ON MARCH 30--WHAT?

Conflicting Statements Appear in the Daily Papers—Argus in Doubt, But Believe They Do.

Conflicting stories have appeared in the daily papers regarding the time schedule on which the American people will operate their affairs from March 30 to October 31st.

According to early reports the section of the Agricultural bill which made provision for the Hooverized time schedule had been repealed by the last Congress, while later reports contradict this statement, while still another story appeared in recent issues of the city papers saying that the business men of Minneapolis were circulating petitions among employers and employees for a memorial to Congress asking that the Hooverized time be continued. So, there you are, so far as the daily press is concerned.

As yet, no bulletin has been issued to the railroad employees of the Short Line concerning the change of time, and if one is issued the Argus will give full publicity. Any way, the change will not be noticed greatly in Ontario, for it will merely put this section back on the schedule in vogue prior to the change in the Standard Time Zones, when we were in Mountain instead of the Pacific time belt.

COUNTY CONTEST TO BE HELD AT NYSSA

Saturday March 29 is Date Set For Determining Winner of Annual Event—Many Schools to be Represented.

At Nyssa on Saturday March 29th the annual declamatory contest of the Malheur county grade schools will be held. Superintendent E. B. Conklin of the Nyssa schools is in charge of the preparation for entertaining the contestants and their friends, for a large crowd is expected to attend.

Practically all of the schools on the Eastern border of the county as well as Juntura, Brogan, Jamieson, and other schools from the interior section are expecting to send representatives so that a close and interesting contest is certain.

ONTARIO MAKES ITS START FOR MEMBERS

Chairman Rader and Committeemen Secure 25 Members for Oregon State Chamber of Commerce—More Coming.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club last Friday evening, A. G. Clark, field manager for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce addressed the meeting and outlined the purposes of the proposed statewide organization. After his address 15 of the 20 members present signified their desire to join the organization.

To assist Frank Rader, local chairman for the membership drive the following committee was appointed: H. B. Cockerum, W. F. Homan, H. L. Peterson, and H. C. Boyer.

While discussing Oregon's need of a statewide organization such as the cooperation formed on the plans outlined by the Mr. Clark, P. J. Gallagher spoke on the benefits to be derived directly by Malheur and other irrigated sections. He dwelt on the need for education in behalf of the proposed constitutional amendment for state aid for irrigation securities, especially in the Willamette Valley. Without a state wide organization Mr. Gallagher said that this amendment, which means so much for the development of this region can not be passed, and if for no other reason, he declared, every business man, every professional man, every rancher and every stockman of Eastern Oregon should join the State Chamber of Commerce.

LAMBING SEASON IS BEST IN MANY YEARS

Sheepmen Report Big Returns For February Lambing—Sheep Shearing Started—Records Not Yet Available.

With returns varying from 110 to 122 per cent the February lambing of bands feeding in this section is practically complete. The records so far made indicate that this was a banner year for lamb crops, conditions having been nearly ideal for the young lambs.

The number of lambs secured in this county this year will not however approach that of last year or two years ago when the number of sheep fed in this region was vastly greater than this year.

Wool Gathering Started

The first truck loads of big wool bales started to reach Ontario this week. The work done so far has not progressed sufficiently to indicate what the average return per sheep will be.

The exodus of sheep from this section has started. McLean & Jenkins who fed their hands at the G. W. Dean ranch shipped 3000 head to Skullsprings this week. The Stanford company will ship several thousand to various ranges and several thousand to market this week.

LUNCHEON FOR STOCK RAISERS SALE EVENT

Ontario Sales Company and Merchants Unite in Entertaining Stock Buyers at Last Big Sale of Season.

The last big stock sale of the season is scheduled for Friday afternoon of this week when several hundred head of registered stock, beside registered bulls and large herds of range cattle will be offered to buyers.

At noon the stockmen of this section and from the outside who have gathered for the sale will be guests at a luncheon arranged for them by the Ontario Sales company and a number of the local merchants.

Short talks on various phases of the cattle raising business will be made by men thoroly acquainted with all the factors that enter into it.

HUMORIST DESERVED GREATER AUDIENCE

Strickland Gillilan Lives up to His Reputation as Laugh Producer—Has Wholesome Philosophy Quaintly Presented.

To an audience, much smaller than the merits of his entertainment deserved, Strickland Gillilan gave the first Lyceum program of the season at the High School auditorium last Saturday evening.

The author of "Off agin, On Agin, Gone Agin, Finnigan" lived up to his reputation for the audience was in a state of perpetual laughter during the full two hours of his discourse.

When not laughing at one of his host of funny stories his hearers were listening to sugar-coated portions of wholesome philosophy that reached home without a sting, for these were so cleverly expressed that while the application was patent to all yet everyone "took the dose" and declared it likeable.

Those who did not attend the lecture missed one of the most pleasing entertainments given in Ontario in years. It was so good that the sting of having to make up a deficit was extracted from the guarantors.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church held a tea at the home of Mrs. C. F. Hager this afternoon. About fifty adults and twelve children enjoyed the musical program which was given during the afternoon. The proceeds have as yet not been counted and will be announced later.

ONTARIO MEMBER OF THE "TREAT 'EM ROUGHS" HOME

Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam received word Tuesday morning from Camp Mills, New Jersey, of the safe arrival there of their son Corp. Sprague Adam, who was a member of the 345th Tank Company of the A. E. F. Corp. Adam was among the Ontario boys who had the experience of "going over the top" after the Huns in the Argonne battle. An account of the experience of his company was told in the Oregonian of Monday, March 10th, by its captain who reached Portland the day previous. The officer told of four consecutive days of hard going by the men of the company in the great drive.

T. H. MOORE STARTS TREE PLANTING PLAN

Progressive Step to Improve Property Inaugurated—No Better Way for Improving Appearance of City Possible.

During the past week T. H. Moore has started improving some of his city property by filling low lying lots and planting trees. The largest piece of ground to be so improved is that lying West of the High School building which is being graded and planted with maple trees. Another piece of property above Idaho street is being similarly treated.

The attention of the Argus was called to this work, and the suggestion made that in the furtherance of such an effort by other citizens lay one of the best means available for the improvement of Ontario's appearance.

"Trees," said this interested citizen, "are not expensive and everyone can plant them. If the residence property owners would just get behind such an effort it would be but a few years before Ontario would present a much better and a much more desirable appearance."

BOULEVARD GRANGE IS INCREASING MEMBERS

Class Instituted Last Saturday and Another Scheduled for April 5—Dahlia Bulbs Coming; Hold Farewell Reception.

The Boulevard Grangers are busy these days. Beside initiating nine new members last Saturday at a pleasing program followed by a banquet, they are preparing to add ten more members at a meeting April 5. The members initiated last Saturday were: Messrs. and Mesdames J. B. Springer, John Keegan, Arthur Henry, Fred Sunquist and Alfred Von Readen.

Following the initiation a banquet was served and the Grangers talked over plans for the year. Particular interest is manifested in the Dahlia show which is to be held in the fall and they are looking forward to the arrival of the big order for bulbs that has gone forward and is expected soon. Those who ordered bulbs or who still want some can secure them from E. B. Conklin at the Grange Hall.

A large number of friends and acquaintances gathered at the Grange Wednesday evening for a farewell party given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Keller and family who are leaving this week for Paris, Idaho. A short program consisting of two vocal solos by Miss Edna von Readen, and also by Mrs. George Huntington Currey of Vale, was given after which, G. W. Dean as master of the Grange presented the departing members with a casserole in remembrance of their friends here. Later dancing and games were enjoyed by the younger people. A delightful luncheon was served by the ladies of the Grange and all departed feeling that the evening had been a success.

The boys of Mrs. Hugh Allen's Sunday School class entertained the girls class of Mrs. Andrew Robinson with a party at the Baptist Church last Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served to the twenty-five guests present.

INDUSTRY TRACK IS CITY'S PRESENT NEED

Lack of Sidetracks Declared Obstacle to Growth of Needed Industries—No Relief in Sight Say Officials.

At the present time the one thing that is holding up the development of Ontario as a manufacturing and distributing center is the lack of adequate railroad facilities.

This fact was pointedly made at the special meeting of the Commercial club last Friday evening. The situation was thoroly discussed by those who have endeavored to have an industry track built for the accommodation of two different business ventures ready to be established here, and in each instance no prospects of aid have been held out by the railroad officials.

Those who discussed the matter declared that the attitude of the officials interviewed seemed to be that until the question of how long the government is to operate the railroads is settled, there is slight chance of getting any new work done.

The subject was brot up thru the request of L. G. Olson of the U. S. Plumbing & Heating company for assistance in securing trackage facilities for the enlarged plant he expects to have here in a short time. The big machinery to be used at the plant has already been purchased and is enroute, as well as two carloads of steel plate which is to be made into finished products at the new plant.

H. C. Boyer told of experiences he has had in an effort to secure trackage for a business that desired to come to Ontario, and held out little hope for immediate relief from the railroad company, no matter how willingly they might be to assist.

The proposition of having the business men unite to build an industry track was discussed and the belief expressed that this would furnish the only relief available. A committee consisting of E. A. Fraser, chairman; H. H. Tunny and G. K. Aiken was appointed to see what could be done to aid Mr. Olson to solve his problem and to investigate the trackage situation to determine whether anything could be done to remedy the existing conditions.

An adjourned meeting of the club will be held Friday evening of this week to act upon the report of the special finance committee which was given authority to determine how much money could be raised for the club's activities for the coming year.

COUNCIL HEARS READ CHARTER AMENDMENT

Requests for Street Lights Laid on Table, Likewise that for Street Crossing—Police Question Discussed.

At a conversational session of the City Council last Monday evening Ontario's municipal problems were discussed from all angles, tho no action resulted therefrom.

The special meeting was called to consider objections to the formation of Lateral Sewer District No. 9 in the Northwest section of the city. No objections having been filed the work was ordered as petitioned for by residents of that section.

Four requests for street lights presented at previous meetings of the council having been investigated by the Light Committee were returned to the council without recommendations by the Chairman H. B. Cockerum, who stated the conditions existing at each crossing. The council then ordered one new light, that at the corner of Indiana avenue and Park Boulevard.

The street committee reported having viewed the crossing requested in the North end of the city accompanied by H. O. Drane, O. S. L. Ry. agent, who expressed the belief that the company would not favor such a request. No action was taken on the petition since none of the petitioners were present to support the petition.